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DEADLY DYNAMITE

Mother and Daughter Killed at Their Home in Tuckerton, Pa.

THE HOUSE CONSUMED BY FIRE

The Husband and Father, ex-Sheriff Becker, Had Placed Dynamite in the Kitchen Stove Oven to Thaw—Mysterious Explosion at Great Barrington.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Becker, wife of ex-sheriff Elias Becker, aged 64, and Mrs. William Seidel, her daughter, aged 30, were killed by an explosion of dynamite at Tuckerton, near this city, last evening. Mr. Becker had placed a quantity of the explosive in the oven of the kitchen stove for the purpose of thawing it out. Shortly after doing so he went out. He had not been gone more than five minutes when there was a terrific crash, and he hurried back to the house. He was horrified to find the mangled remains of his wife lying on the floor. His daughter, Mrs. Seidel, was not killed outright, but her body was so badly shattered that she died twenty minutes later. The dwelling, a handsome stone structure, caught fire and was consumed by the flames despite the gallant work of the neighbors. Mr. Becker is completely prostrated by the terrible affair. Another dynamite explosion of a somewhat similar character also occurred here yesterday, but with less fatal results. Willie Gantz, aged 12, picked up three small dynamite caps at one of the industrial establishments in this city. These he took home and spent a portion of the afternoon in throwing small quantities of the dynamite into the open stove. In some manner he accidentally dropped one of the caps into the coal bucket. Later his mother, Mrs. John Gantz, put some coal on the fire as she was about preparing the evening meal. Suddenly there was an explosion, and two of her fingers and a thumb were blown off. Her right eye was also badly injured, and she may lose the sight of it. Bertha, aged 9, and Earl, aged 3, children who were standing near by, were severely burned about the face and arms, but their injuries are not serious.

Explosion in a Police Chief's Home.

Great Barrington, Mass., Dec. 31.—An explosion occurred at the home of Chief of Police Pilon yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Pilon was in the front part of the house when a loud explosion was heard in the kitchen, and an investigation showed that the range had been blown to pieces. Pots and kettles were scattered about the room, and one of the stove lids was blown through the ceiling. In the fire box was found a short piece of pipe, with a thread on each end, and it is surmised that some person, who had a grievance against the chief or his family, was seeking revenge.

CONNECTICUT BANKS.

Greater Number of Depositors and a Larger Amount to Their Credit.

Hartford, Dec. 31.—The annual report of the bank commissioners of Connecticut to Gov. Collins says that the savings institutions have been severely tested in point of strength and security during the year 1896. The volume of business transacted during the year has shown a satisfactory increase. There are a greater number of depositors as well as a larger aggregate amount to their credit. The increase in deposits is not confined to banks in the cities and larger towns. The condition of all the savings institutions with the exception of a few is prosperous and satisfactory.

Owes \$1,000,000; Assets 5 Per Cent.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Arthur H. Darling, aged 35, one of the largest builders in this city, disappeared from his home here on December 21, and nothing has been heard of him since that date. He had many contracts under way in Westchester, Wakefield and this city and it is said his liabilities on these will reach \$1,000,000, while his assets will not average 5 per cent. of that amount. He is unmarried and came here from Boston about a year ago.

Counterfeiter Arrested at His Work.

New York, Dec. 31.—Anton Schuck was arrested at No. 203 North Fourth street, Brooklyn, yesterday, by secret service agents on the charge of making and passing counterfeit five and ten cent pieces. He was found at work moulding some of the coin, and a counterfeiting plant was seized in his room. The officers say that the coins are not especially well made and believe Schuck to be a novice in the business.

Accused of Infringement of Patent.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 31.—The Newark and South Orange Railway companies have been cited to appear in the United States district court at Trenton to defend a suit brought by the Thomson-Houston company of Philadelphia for infringement of patent. These roads have, it is claimed, been using

RESTORED TO PERFECT HEALTH.

Mrs. Castle Underwent an Operation at a Philadelphia Hospital.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Ella Castle, the wife of the San Francisco millionaire, who was admitted to the Polyclinic hospital about three weeks ago shortly after the return of the couple from their unpleasant experience in London, left that institution on Monday last, perfectly well. Mrs. Castle was suffering from an internal malady, and was successfully operated upon in order to restore her to her normal condition by Dr. L. W. Steinbach of the Polyclinic hospital. The physicians at the hospital state that Mrs. Castle is now in excellent health, and does not exhibit the least trace of her former malady. It is not known yet what are the future plans of the Castles, but it is thought that the husband and wife will take a short trip somewhere before returning to their home in San Francisco. During her stay at the hospital Mrs. Castle occupied a private room and was attended by a trained nurse. By order of the attending physician, no visitors except her husband were allowed to call upon her.

THREE YEARS FOR MURDER.

Light Sentences Imposed Upon Former Stambuloff's Alleged Assassins.

Sofia, Dec. 31.—The trial of Tufekchieff, Atzoff and Georgieff, alleged assassins of ex-Premier Stambuloff, which has been in progress here for several days, has ended by the conviction of Tufekchieff and Atzoff, and the acquittal of Georgieff. The convicted men were sentenced to three years' imprisonment each. The light sentences imposed upon the convicted men has caused no surprise, in view of the unopposed bias of the court in their favor. Tufekchieff was formerly an employee in the ministry of public works, and Atzoff was the coachman who drove Stambuloff from his club to the place where he was set upon by assassins, July 15, 1895, dying three days later. Georgieff was formerly a servant of Major Panitz, who was executed at the instigation of Stambuloff for alleged conspiracy against the government.

Cause of the Selma, Ala., Bank Failure.

New York, Dec. 31.—The Commercial bank of Selma, Ala., which failed yesterday, owed about \$450,000 to banks in New York. The cause of the failure of the Selma bank was probably not only the refusal of the New York banks to extend the loans to it, but a demand from them for repayments of the loans. The National City bank was a correspondent in New York of the Commercial bank, and its cashier, George S. Whitson, says: "The Commercial bank owes considerable money to New York banks. The loans are to some extent secured by collateral and bills receivable, the value of which cannot in every case be determined at present."

To Operate Railroads in Honduras.

Trenton, Dec. 31.—Articles of incorporation have been filed here by the Honduras syndicate, a company which expects to secure concessions from the government of Honduras and grants of land for the operation of several railroad systems. The company's capital stock is \$500,000 and the incorporators are: Chauncey M. Depew of New York, William Seward Webb of New York, John Jacob Astor of New York, Benjamin F. Tracy of New York, Charles McVeigh of Morristown, N. J., and others.

Chemical Association Formed.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Following are the newly elected officers of the American Chemical association: President, C. B. Dudley, Altoona, Pa.; secretary, Albert C. Hale, Brooklyn; treasurer, C. F. McKenna, New York; librarian, E. E. Dodge, New York; directors, H. W. Wiley, Washington; William McMurtrie, A. A. Breneman, C. A. Doremus, all of New York; counselors, C. E. Monroe, Washington, J. H. Appleton, Providence; C. F. Chandler and William McMurtrie, New York.

Accused of Robbing the Mails.

New York, Dec. 31.—William H. Post, a mail wagon driver, employed at the general post office, has been arrested and held in \$5,000 bail on suspicion of having robbed a mail pouch which arrived from abroad on the American line steamer Paris on December 21. It is said that subsequently, while enroute to Jersey City, Post threw the bundle of rifled letters into the North River. Post's home is in Kingston, N. Y.

Greater New York Commissioner Resigns.

Albany, Dec. 31.—Gov. Morton has received the resignation of Judge Garret J. Garretson of Queens county as a member of the Greater New York commission, and appointed as Judge Garretson's successor, County Judge Harrison S. Moore of Little Neck, L. I. Judge Garretson will assume office on January 1 as a justice of the supreme court.

C. B. Stevens Dead.

Boston, Dec. 31.—Charles Benjamin Stevens, register of deeds for Middlesex county, who died at his residence in Cambridge yesterday, aged 78 years, was an Odd Fellow, a Grand Army man and a member of the Loyal Legion.

THE FRANKLIN FUND

Originally \$1,000, It Has Now Swelled To \$360,000.

LEFT FOR NEEDY BOSTON MECHANICS

Efforts Now Being Made To Have It Expended in the Erection of a Trades School at the Hub.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The appointment of trustees to administer the Franklin fund was considered in the Suffolk probate court yesterday by Judge Grant. When Benjamin Franklin died, in 1790, he gave by his will to the inhabitants of Boston \$1,000 sterling to be loaned out in small amounts to needy apprentices of the town at an annual interest of 5 per cent. This plan was to be pursued for a period of 100 years from the time of his death, when the fund, with its accumulations, should be applied to specified public objects. The management of this fund was directed by his will to be under the selectmen "united with the ministers of the oldest Episcopal, Congregational and Presbyterian churches of Boston." The fund today amounts to \$360,000, and the board of aldermen would like to appropriate it to the erection of a trades school. The case before the court yesterday was the petition of Mayor Quincy and the aldermen for the appointment of themselves and Revs. Stopford W. Brooke, Duane and McClellan, as the ministers of the three oldest churches enumerated in the will, as trustees to administer the fund. Ever since 1822, when Boston became a city, there have been no selectmen, and it is a question whether or not, since that year, there has been any trustee for the fund at all. The case was continued until Monday.

FOR A NATIONAL REGATTA.

Arranging To Have a Series of Races on the American Thames Next June.

New London, Conn., Dec. 31.—A movement for a Henley-like series of races on the American Thames is assuming definite shape, although the first move is not for a week of racing. The board of trade of New London is sending circulars to more than 400 colleges and athletic clubs announcing the "Thames Regatta" at New London in June, 1897. The circular says: "As to the Thames course, the press of the country is unanimous in joining in its praise as the only proper and desirable course that college crews should select, either for a triple contest or a national regatta of college oarsmen." The circular is signed by ex-Gov. Waller, A. H. Chappel, president of the board of trade; C. B. Jennings, superintendent of schools, and others.

Close of Folk-Lore Society Meeting.

New York, Dec. 31.—The American Folk-Lore society ended its annual meeting with a dinner at the Arena last night. The affair was entirely informal. There were no speeches. Thirty of the members, including several women, sat down to the table. Some of those present were: Prof. F. W. Putnam of Cambridge, Mass.; W. J. McGee, Washington; W. W. Newell, Cambridge, Mass.; Heli Chatelet, the African explorer; Stuart Culin, Philadelphia, and George B. Grinnell, the Indian explorer.

New Year's Shooting Match.

New York, Dec. 31.—On New Year's Day at Hackensack, on the grounds of the Bergen County Gun club, a very interesting two-men team race for 100 targets has been arranged between the following experts: Edwards and Remsen, Neaf Appgar and Tom Keller, and Van Dyke and Taylor. It is expected that some great shooting will be the result if the weather is right. The condition are 100 clay targets.

Fourth-Class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The following fourth-class postmasters have just been appointed: Pennsylvania—J. W. Doverspike, Brinkerton; J. K. Reddig, Brunnerville; J. M. Schneider, Rathbun; G. R. Leaman, South Williamsport.

Minneapolis' Latest Bank Failure.

Minneapolis, Dec. 31.—The Bankers' Exchange bank, which has suspended payment, is a small concern, and its officers claim that they have enough money to pay every depositor and stockholder.

Death of Truman N. Burrill.

New York, Dec. 31.—Major Truman N. Burrill died at his home in Brooklyn yesterday of apoplexy. During the war and subsequently he served on the staff of Gen. Sheridan, and was appointed by President Arthur chief of the engraving and printing bureau.

Florida's Tobacco Congress.

Albany, Dec. 31.—Gov. Morton has appointed Frederick Schroeder of Brooklyn; George Storm, Abraham Cohn and Carl Vogt of New York city as additional delegates to represent this state at the Florida tobacco congress.

No Public Request.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The will of the late Wyssman Marshall, the actor, contains no public bequests.

SPAIN IS SATISFIED

No Complaint To Make Against Our Policy Towards Cuba.

SENSATIONAL STORIES RIDICULED

No Grounds for the Belief That She Has Been Sounding European Powers Regarding Their Attitude in Case of Trouble with This Country.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The recent reports that the Spanish government was endeavoring to secure the co-operation of the great European powers to prevent by force if necessary the intervention of the United States in the Cuban insurrection, have no better authority than many other startling rumors that have been industriously circulated during the past few months. There is authority for the statement that the Spanish government is, generally speaking, entirely satisfied with the attitude of the United States with reference to the Cuban revolt. The governments at Madrid and Washington understand each other thoroughly, and the firm and dignified position of President Cleveland, not only in preserving a strict neutrality between the contending forces, but in public announcing his purpose to do so, furnishes the strongest proof to the Spanish ministry that the intention of this country is to take no step that could be regarded as unfriendly or tending in any way to embarrass the Spanish crown. If additional evidence were needed to assure the world that Spain can find no fault with the attitude of the Washington government it will be found in the notification which the Madrid foreign office has made to the Spanish diplomatic representatives in Great Britain and on the continent. Through advices which reached the state department to-day it is learned that as soon as that portion of the president's recent message to congress relating to the Cuban situation had been translated, copies were sent to the Spanish ministers at the various European capitals with the added statement that the Spanish government was entirely satisfied with the president's utterances. In these circumstances, the reports which convey the impression that Spain is testing the friendship of the European powers with a view to securing their assistance in preventing an anticipated intervention on the part of this government are pronounced absurd. This is especially the case when it is remembered that the greater part of Cuba is now in a peaceful condition; that in many provinces the crops are now being planted, and that abundant reasons exist for believing that a successful revolt in the island against the Spanish government cannot be much longer continued.

GRANTED CLEARANCE PAPERS.

The Dauntless and Commodore To Sail with Munitions of War for Cuba.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 31.—Instructions have been received by the collector of the port to grant clearance papers to the Dauntless with a cargo of munitions of war for Nuevitas, Cuba, and require master, owner and consignors to make oath, required in sections 4197, 4198 and 4200 revised statutes. This oath is the same required of masters of all vessels with general cargoes bound to foreign ports. In consequence of this authority, the owners of both the Dauntless and Commodore are preparing to send heavy cargoes of arms and munitions of war to Cuba. The clearance of the Dauntless was authorized in the following communication from the collector of the port to the owner of the vessel: "Sir—Responding to your application made yesterday of clearance for the steamer Dauntless, I have to inform you that I am authorized by the honorable secretary of the treasury to clear said steamer Dauntless in a strictly regular way for the port of Nuevitas." All indications point to the loading and departure of these two vessels within the next forty-eight hours. Regular clearance papers will be secured for them, under the secretary's ruling, from the custom house.

SAGASTA ON CUBAN AFFAIRS.

The ex-Premier Says European Governments Are in Sympathy with Spain.

Madrid, Dec. 31.—A report of an interview with ex-Premier Sagasta, the leader of the Spanish liberals, is published in El Liberal, in which he is represented as saying that Europe is in sympathy with Spain in her maintenance of sovereignty in Cuba, but that Europe also wishes to see the establishment of reforms in Cuba. Senor Sagasta further expresses his belief that Premier Canovas only awaits a report from Gen. Weyler that the province of Pinar del Rio is clear of rebels to grant reforms and later autonomy. The ex-premier is also quoted as saying that Gen. Weyler is himself an obstacle to the pacification of Cuba, being incapable of coping with the rebellion.

Rutland Railroad Dividend.

Rutland, Vt., Dec. 31.—The directors of the Rutland railroad have declared a dividend of 1 per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 2.

WILD SCENE IN A COURT ROOM.

A St. Louis Man Wounds His Wife, Her Uncle and Tries to Shoot Himself.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—During the progress of his wife's suit for divorce in the circuit court yesterday Jacob Fischel attempted to kill his wife, her uncle Julius Schrieber and himself. Mrs. Fischel was in court attended by a number of friends, and by her attorney, Walter McEntire. During the proceedings Fischel arose with a motion to have Judge Wood set aside a decree for alimony. While he was talking Attorney McEntire motioned Mrs. Fischel to leave the court room with him. They started out, followed by Julius Schrieber, and had just reached the door when Fischel drew a revolver and began shooting. One bullet passed through Attorney McEntire's overcoat and struck Mrs. Fischel in the back of the left shoulder. Her uncle ran to her assistance, and as he was bending over the prostrate woman Fischel fired a bullet into Schrieber's breast. He turned the weapon on himself, but Attorney McEntire struck his arm and the bullet lodged in the floor. The wildest confusion reigned in the crowded court room. Spectators rushed screaming from their seats, lawyers jumped behind the benches, and Judge Wood ran from the bench and sought safety behind a cabinet. The doors were barred before Fischel could escape, and he was finally taken to the police station by a squad of policemen. Dr. William E. Kier attended Mrs. Fischel and Mr. Schrieber, and says their wounds, although serious, are not necessarily fatal.

Anna Demar Found.

Buffalo, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from Saginaw, Mich., says: Anna Demar, the Buffalo young woman whose disappearance a week ago to-day created a sensation, has been found in a brush heap on a farm about half a mile from the city. She was dazed and partially unconscious. She is now at the Saginaw hospital under medical treatment. She can give no account of her whereabouts.

Miners Denounce Ohio State Officials.

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—The state miners' convention has adopted resolutions severely denouncing state officials for purchasing coal for the state institutions from mines in which scab miners are employed. It was stated that sixteen state institutions were using coal from West Virginia—in all 12,000 tons a year—all mined by non-union miners.

Appointed by Gov. Morton.

Albany, Dec. 31.—Gov. Morton has appointed Major-Gen. Edwin A. McAlpin, N. G., S. N. Y.; Col. William Cary Sanger, assistant chief of artillery, and Commander Jacob W. Miller of the state naval militia as delegates to represent this state in the convention called to meet at Tampa, Fla., on January 20, to consider the subject of coast and harbor defenses.

Maine's Fishing Fleet.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 30.—The biennial report of O. B. Whitten, commissioner of sea and shore fisheries, just submitted to the governor and council, shows that 512 vessels are licensed, measuring 10,122 tons, being 75 more than two years ago. There are 14,600 persons connected with the fisheries.

No Pardon for Banker Koetting.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 31.—Gov. Upham has refused to grant a pardon to ex-banker J. B. Koetting of Milwaukee. Koetting was cashier of the Milwaukee South Side Savings bank, in the failure of which many small depositors lost their money, and was sentenced to five years in state prison for embezzlement.

Suicide of an Insurance Broker.

New York, Dec. 31.—Henry M. Weed, an insurance broker, committed suicide last evening, by leaping from the rear window of his residence on West 125th street to the flagging below, a distance of over fifty feet. Recent business reverses is given as the cause of the act.

China's Ambassador and Germany.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The North German Gazette, a semi-official journal, confirms the statement that Germany refuses to accept the newly appointed Chinese ambassador. The refusal, the Gazette says, is based upon personal and essential reasons.

Big Orders for Bath Iron Works.

Bath, Me., Dec. 31.—The Bath Iron works have been awarded a contract for two big lightships and one light-house tender, to cost \$320,000, so that the job will keep the works going full blast all winter.

Loring-Carew Wedding.

London, Dec. 31.—F. W. Loring of Boston, Mass., was married in this city yesterday to Miss Caroline Pole Carew. The ceremony was performed in St. Peter's church, Eaton square.

Mrs. Beecher Better.

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher is this morning reported more comfortable, and it is believed there is now a fair hope of her recovery.

Monterey Sails for Santa Barbara.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The monitor Monterey has sailed from Monterey for Santa Barbara.

DEATH OF MGR. FABRE

Head of the Montreal Catholic Arch-Diocese Passes Away.

CLOSE OF A MOST BRILLIANT CAREER

He Stood Out at Many Critical Periods in Canada's History for Its Best Interests—Devoted Champion of Temperance.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Archbishop Fabre, the head of the Roman Catholic arch-diocese of Montreal, died shortly after 11 o'clock last night from cancer of the liver. He was 69 years old. The late Edouard Charles Fabre was the third bishop of the former diocese of Montreal and first archbishop of the present archdiocese of Montreal and metropolitan of the province of Montreal, comprising with this diocese those of St. Hyacinthe, Sherbrooke and Valley Field. As the Catholic population of the archdiocese exceeds 400,000 it is one of the most populous in North America. The late archbishop was in his 70th year, having been born in Montreal, Feb. 28, 1827. After a classical course extending over some seven years his parents sent him to Paris in 1843, where he spent some eighteen months. On Sept. 7, 1844, he assumed the cassock at Chateaufort, and on October 18 he entered the Sulpician seminary at Issy. In 1846 the young ecclesiastic visited Rome and had the honor of an audience with Gregory XVI.—in after life he had the same honor conferred on him on several occasions by Popes Pius IX. and Leo XIII. Shortly after he returned to Montreal and became attached to the bishop's palace. He was ordained to priesthood in 1850 and for nearly twenty years was one of the prominent priests in the diocese. In 1876 he became bishop of Montreal. In 1886 at the time of the elevation of Mgr. Taschereau to the rank of cardinal Mgr. Fabre was made archbishop and placed at the head of the ecclesiastical province of Montreal. At many critical periods in the city's history he stood out for its best interests, notably at the time of the Northwest rebellion and in the small-pox epidemic. Temperance had a devoted champion in him, and he never turned his back on an undertaking which could advance its interests.

DISEASES IN CUBA.

Report of Sanitary Inspector Burgess to the Marine Hospital Service.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Sanitary Inspector Burgess, United States marine hospital service, in a report to the marine hospital service of small-pox and yellow fever in Cuba during the first two weeks in December, says that nearly all spreading diseases have somewhat diminished except small-pox, which has increased. During the week ending December 17 there were 306 deaths in Havana, 55 caused by yellow fever with about 150 new cases; 67 small-pox with 500 new cases; the remainder by other causes. Fifty-two of the 55 deaths from yellow fever were among Spanish soldiers.

Lynchings Feared at Salem, Ind.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 31.—The jail at Salem, Ind., in which are confined police detective John Sexton, assistant jailer John Brown, and Richard Land, all of Louisville, who while in search of an escaped prisoner, shot John Rippey, an innocent man, is being guarded, on account of the mutterings of the angry populace. Gov. Matthews came down from Indianapolis to see that order is being preserved. The grand jury is investigating the case.

Brigham for Secretary of Agriculture.

Sand Lake, N. Y., Dec. 31.—On the closing days' session of the Farmer's Institute, which commenced here Tuesday, a petition was circulated and was largely signed, setting forth the claims of J. W. Brigham, worthy master of the National Grange, for secretary of agriculture in the cabinet of president-elect McKinley.

New Presidential Postoffices.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Beginning tomorrow the following fourth-class postoffices will be advanced to the presidential class: Connecticut—Hampton, Massachusetts—South Ashburnham, New Jersey—West Orange, New York—Lawrence Station, Pennsylvania—Dunbar, Galesburg, Etna, New Wilmington, Peckville, Perry Rock.

Knocked Out in the First Round.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 31.—"Con" Doyle of Chicago knocked out Mike Farrell of Buffalo, welterweights, in two minutes and a half of the first round before the Queen City club last night.

Ministerial Call Accepted.

Hartford, Dec. 31.—The Rev. H. C. Bailey of Tallahassee, Fla., has accepted the call to the Wooster street Baptist church, and will be settled here the 1st of March.

Interstate Baseball League.

Pittsburg, Dec. 31.—President Powers of the Interstate Baseball league has sent out notices for a meeting of the league to be held at Toledo, O., on January 27.

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SENATORS SPIN YARN.

How Jones, of Nevada, Got Even with Senator Brice.

Amusing Experience of a Buffalo Man in Bohemia - How Ben Butler Once Upon a Time Averted a Catastrophe.

[Special Washington Letter.]

It was a dull day in the senate, and the statesmen were in a story-telling mood in the cloak rooms. Senator Jones, of Nevada, the silver champion, is one of the best and wittiest story-tellers in congress, and Senator Brice, of Ohio, is like unto him. When they get together the play of witticism and repartee is as glittering and brilliant as the play of forked lightning. They are constantly chaffing each other. Senator Brice told a perfect string of stories on Senator Jones this afternoon, holding him up to ridicule, and keeping up such a rapid fire of conversation that Jones couldn't get in



JONES AND THE CHAMBERMAID.

a word edgewise. Finally, when Brice was taking a drink of water, Senator Jones said:

"I want a chance to tell what I heard about Brice in Paris. I was coming home from the Brussels monetary conference. Senator Allison and Senator Morgan preceded me through Paris, and I was all alone in my hotel. Somehow it got abroad through the hotel that I was a United States senator, and then there was trouble for me. You see Brice had stopped at the same hotel the previous summer. I did not know that. Consequently I was surprised one morning when a chambermaid asked me for my pocketbook. When I showed it to her she bowed, smiled, thanked me, and left the room, carrying with her my pocketbook which contained about \$50. One of the bell boys took my watch off of the bureau, put it into his vest pocket, bowed to me, and went away. The waiter in the cafe brought me a bill for dinner, which was four times the amount charged on the bill of fare. That all happened in one day. I sent for the chief clerk and asked him what kind of a robbery he kept. I told him to give me my bill, recover my purse and watch, and I would go away. He replied:

"Sair, eet moost be all von grand meestake. Zey t'ought ze monsieur is a sen-nat-or from ze Amerik. Las' soomer ze gre't sen-nat-or Breecy vos here. He vos mooch reetche. All ze sairvants say ze gre't Sen-nat-or Jones, he is also reetche, an' zey take what zey vant, for ze gre't Sen-nat-or Breecy, he nevair care for ze moony, he haf moony to boorn."

"I informed him," continued Jones, "that I was indeed a member of the United States senate, but that all members of that body were not natural born fools, nor all of them possessed of money to 'boorn.' I told him that fortunately there was but one Senator Brice, and that he gave away money to make himself popular in spite of his homeliness."

So, you see, that the statesmen are thus given to chaffing each other at times, just as the boys chaff each other at school. As has been said before: "Men are only boys grown tall. Hearts don't change much, after all."

"Speaking of Europe," said Senator Callum, of Illinois, "reminds me of a story Bob Ingersoll used to tell just after the close of the civil war. Col. Bob went to Europe for a summer trip and while riding in an English compartment car he was tackled by a pompous Britisher who affected to know all about America. He was abusive of the people of the north, and expressed his deep regret for the defeat of the confederacy. Ingersoll quietly and unpretentiously prodded him with epigrams. The Englishman denounced the freedom of the slaves, but Ingersoll defended the emancipation proclamation in his incisive way, until the others in the compartment were roaring with laughter. The angry Briton finally resorted to the old argument, saying: 'I suppose you would let your daughter marry a nigger, wouldn't you?'"

Ingersoll replied: "No. Nor an Englishman either, if I could help it."

Senator Sherman told of a Col. Markbreit, of Cincinnati, who was obliged to remove his Loyal Legion button while he was in Europe, because it was taken as an insignia of royal favor, and wherever he went he was charged double and triple prices for whatever he bought, from a pin to a dinner.

This reminded Senator Davis of a story by Eugene Field concerning one James I. King, of Buffalo, who visited the Bohemian spa for treatment, and the local press by a natural blunder reported him as James I. King of Buffalo, America. The blunder seemed humorous enough at first, but presently serious symptoms were exhibited. The parvenus, the sycophants, the tuft hunters, the snobs, the parasites and the beggars swooped down on poor King; the hotel people fleeced him, and there seemed to be a general conspiracy to mulct him. In vain he

sought to convince his persecutors that it was a hideous mistake—that he was no royal personage. He actually had to leave town, and wherever he went afterwards he registered as Thomas Thompson, of Boston. Only by living under an alias could he afford to "do" Europe.

"Your story about Ingersoll," said Senator Perkins, of California, "reminds me of an American gentleman who was recently at a dinner party in London, and had a rather curious experience. There was also present an extremely aristocratic but insular Briton, with that large contempt for things American that even to-day a few Englishmen display. Nevertheless he deigned to notice the American gentleman so far as to ask him a great number of questions about the United States, some of them very ludicrous. Finally the question of geography came up, and the Englishman inquired as to the relative size of Texas, the largest state. 'Well,' replied the American, 'it is about as large as England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland, Portugal and Greece combined.' It became at once evident that the questioner not only disbelieved the statement, but was indignant at what he regarded an attempt to chaff him. Indeed, after dinner he complained to the host about 'the ill-breeding of the American in trying to hold up to ridicule an English gentleman.'"

Senator Lodge, who just came into the cloak room, and had not heard the stories of Europe, told a good story about Ben Butler. At one time Ben Butler, then living in Lowell, was chairman of a meeting held in the town hall. Rufus Choate, great orator and jurist, was booked for an address. The hall was filled—packed in fact—with many, thousand people. Mr. Choate was about to begin his address when a man crawled up to Butler and whispered to him that the joists in the floor and the supporting beams were giving way because of the heavy pressure on the floor and they were likely to collapse at any moment and loss of life ensue. Butler turned to the man and whispered to him: "Keep quiet." Then turning to the audience he said: "Ladies and gentlemen: We are assembled here to hear the matchless oratory of the great Rufus Choate. A man has brought me information that outside of this hall there are not less than 20,000 people who are clamoring for admission. Now, I don't think it will be fair for us to monopolize the utterances of Mr. Choate, and therefore I propose to adjourn this meeting to the common, where all can hear him. Now, follow my advice and we can get out quickly and easily without any difficulty. You men down in the back rows next the doors, arise, leave your seats and leave the hall. As soon as you have gone the next row to you rise and do the same,



INGERSOLL REPLIED "NO."

and so on until we leave the hall. Now start along there, and just see how quickly we can empty this hall." Meanwhile Choate was tugging at Butler's coat tails and saying: "Ben, don't! Stop, Ben! Why, bless me, man, I can't speak without my manuscript; I can't see to read on the common; my voice won't carry in the open air; I can't make them hear," and so on. After so much of the audience had left that Butler was satisfied that the strain on the timbers supporting the floor had been relieved, he turned to Choate and said: "Say, Choate, would you rather deliver this speech here on the common or in hell?"

SMITH D. FRY.

Shoes with Stoves in Them.
An effective means of warming the feet has been patented in Germany. The inventor calls it "heatable shoes." Within the heel of the shoe, which is hollowed out, there is a receptacle for a glowing substance, similar to that used in the Japanese hand-warmers, says Popular Science News. Between the soles, imbedded in asbestos covers, is a rubber bag, which is filled with water. The water is heated and as it circulates while the wearer of the shoe is walking it keeps the surface of the foot warm. A small safety valve is provided, so that the bag cannot burst. The warmth given by this sole never rises above 70 degrees Fahrenheit, and will last about eight hours. The sole is slightly thicker than that of a wet-weather boot.

Peacock Plumes Not Unlucky.

Peacock feathers do not bring ill-luck, according to Mr. St. Clair Baddeley in a recent issue of Notes and Queries. In China, from which the bird first came, it is a bird of good omen. In Russia the feathers are a charm against the evil eye. The early Christians used the peacock as a symbol of immortality. Louis IX. wore a peacock feather in his helmet, and the early Italian and Flemish painters placed them in their angels' wings. The superstition that the feather brings bad luck must be a very modern one.

Not Superstitious.

She—Do you believe in signs?
He—Not in that one which says: "Selling out at less than cost."—Chicago Post.

With a sharp stick.

you can turn up the dirt and get ground ready for planting—but what a clumsy, slow, laborious, ineffective way of going to work! Not much more so, though, than the old-fashioned way of washing. Think of it! Grinding the clothes up and down on a wash-board, with nothing but soap and main strength to get out the dirt. Then think how simple and easy is Pearlina's way—soaking, boiling, rinsing. You need Pearlina for all your washing and cleaning. You need something better than soap or a sharp stick when you're dealing with dirt.

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The oddest wedding on record is reported from Round House, Ky., where William Sexton, 103 years old, was married to Mrs. Croft, aged 102, in a log cabin, which the bridegroom helped to build ninety years ago. A thousand relatives and friends gathered on the festive occasion and the happy pair rode to their home in a carriage eighty-three years old. The bride and bridegroom have known each other from childhood and marriage was suggested by their relatives.

Cheaper coffee is likely to be the result of the war the sugar trust has declared against the Arbuckles because they proposed to combine sugar refining with coffee roasting. The Arbuckles have made millions out of their business and the Woolson company, their chief rival, in which the Havemeyers have recently bought a controlling interest, paid last year a dividend of 125 per cent. and the stock was sold at \$1,150 a share, the par value being \$100. These figures would seem to indicate that there is big money in coffee roasting and that the rival concerns can cut prices recklessly and ruthlessly and still leave a big margin for profit.

Senator Allen has been studying the returns of the election and finds the figures of the vote in certain states so astonishing and so at variance with the figures of the census that he has moved for the appointment of a committee of investigation. What especially staggers Mr. Allen is the fact that in the four states of California, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky, which Cleveland carried in 1892, Bryan received 160,326 more votes than Cleveland, but McKinley's electors were chosen by over 200,000 majority. The increase in the total vote was over 600,000. In the states carried by Bryan the increase in the total vote is insignificant. Senator Allen does not specifically charge fraud. He does say, however, that the census figures show no increase in population at all commensurate with the increase of vote and he wants to know whether the census figures are worthless or whether the returns of the election were manipulated that "the national honor might be preserved."

HYMENEAL.

Herick-Odell.

Frederick Cogdill Herick and Miss Virginia Cecilia Odell were united in marriage at 3 o'clock, this afternoon. The ceremony, which was with a ring, was performed by Rev. Dr. Robinson, at the parsonage of the First Congregational Church.

Only three friends were present: R. Vredenburg, a business associate of the groom; E. Wengert, who acted as best man; and Miss Emma Forthoff, the bridesmaid.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of green velvet, trimmed with cream satin and chiffon. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses. The bridesmaid's dress was brown cheviot, with silk and ribbon trimmings. She carried pink roses.

After the ceremony the wedding party was driven to Rowley's, where an elegant wedding dinner was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Herick will leave town for New York on Erie train 2, at 5:07 o'clock. They will attend at the Academy of Music to-night, and will stop at the Hotel Vanderbilt. They will visit some New York and Brooklyn friends to-morrow, and return home Saturday. Mr. Herick's business engagements make his return necessary. They will reside in rooms which the groom has recently furnished in the Nearing block.

Mr. Herick is one of the Assistant Superintendents of the Metropolitan Insurance Co., having recently been promoted to that position as a reward for his industry and ability. He was at one time a newsboy on the Argus, and was naturally not an interest in his business success, and his matrimonial venture, and wish him prosperity and happiness.

The bride is an estimable young lady, who has carried on the dressmaking business in this city for some time. Mr. Herick is to be congratulated on securing one so worthy to be his wife.

Very Sudden Death.

Mrs. Mary Eliza, widow of the late Theo. Dusenberry, dropped dead, this afternoon, while washing dishes at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Green, on Hoffman street, with whom she lived. She was fifty-seven years old. Her disease is supposed to have been the cause of death.

Watch Meeting at the Baptist Church.

Watch meeting to-night, at First Baptist Church. Service will begin at 8 o'clock. The first part will continue until 9:30 followed by half hour intermission. Watch meeting from 10 o'clock until New Year. Come and welcome.

Sale of the Bell House.

Barney Perry, proprietor of the Bell House, has sold the business, stock and fixtures of the hotel to Theodore Doremus, taking in exchange a house and lot on Mills avenue. Mr. Doremus will take possession of the hotel to-morrow.

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LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

GEN. MCLEWEE REMOVED.

Criticism of His Superiors in His Report Brings Down Vengeance on His Head.

BY UNITED PRESS.

ALBANY, Dec. 31.—Governor Morton has removed from office Inspector General McLeewee and appointed Captain Hoffman, of Elmira, in his place. Hoffman is to be Gov. Black's Inspector General. McLeewee's removal is due to charges made against his superior officers in his report, which was published, this morning.

HAS MIDDLETOWN A GHOST?

Strange Manifestations Vouched for on the Best Authority Which Cannot Be Explained by Natural Causes.

Middletown has a real ghost story—one of the kind that cannot be explained by any of the theories usually adopted to account for what would otherwise appear to be of the supernatural order. The central figure in this story is a young lady residing in this city. She doesn't believe in ghosts, but neither she nor any of her friends can account for the strange goings on that at one time annoyed her, but which have now become deeply interesting by reason of their mysterious nature.

The ghost made its presence known for the first time, Saturday night, Nov. 14, at 11:15 o'clock, when the young lady was undressing to retire. She heard a peculiar noise, which she thought was on the veranda upon which two of the windows of her room open. She listened for a moment and heard the noise a second time. She stood five minutes with palpitating heart and nerves at highest tension and then she heard a noise as of footsteps in the distance, which grew nearer and nearer and finally she noticed the window shade moving and tapping against the window frame which apparently caused the noise she had heard.

She called another lady in the house and she too heard the noise, saw the curtain move and became frightened. A male member of the household laughed at their fear and said the wind caused the shade to move. But after he had closed the window, the mysterious rapping and movement of the curtain began again and he was as much mystified as the ladies. The noise lasted about an hour and then stopped.

The next Saturday night the same sounds were heard and the lady was surprised to find the curtain of the second window going through the same movements as the other.

The following Saturday night the curtain of the third window did the mysterious tapping. The lady expected the fourth window of the room to become the scene of operations on the next Saturday night. This time, however, the ghost came earlier than usual, for she was awakened at 4 o'clock on Saturday morning by the sound that had become so familiar. It was louder than ever before, and she got up and began examining the windows, and to her astonishment found the shade of the fourth window performing as had the others.

The fifth Saturday was skipped, but the ghost came to the first window on the following Wednesday night; the next Saturday it came to the fourth window again at 7 o'clock in the evening and on Sunday evening to the same window at 6:30 o'clock; the next Tuesday evening to the first window and on Thursday of last week it came to the third window and then took a holiday vacation.

A peculiar feature of these manifestations is that the curtain moves always on the left edge, about the middle, and not more than six inches of length can be seen to move, yet it makes a noise that can be heard a considerable distance. It begins softly, increases gradually and then dies away, always lasts about an hour and sounds exactly like foot-steps coming or going away.

All who have tried to imitate the movements of the curtains or produce the noise fail to do so as in trying to produce the tapping sound with the hand the whole curtain moves.

On each of the occasions of the ghost's visits other members of the household have been summoned and all will verify the young lady's story.

Going Out of Business.

Mr. Marselles, of Passaic, owner of the Eclipse Novelty Store at 34 North street, was in town, to-day, and announced his intention of discontinuing business here, the store not having yielded a profit.

Ontario's Eighth Annual Ball.

Ontario Hose Company will hold its eighth annual ball at the Assembly Rooms, this evening. Tickets admitting lady and gentlemen are one dollar.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison, of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I am daily recommending it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Anna Steble, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never let her lie and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a Bottle at McMonagle & Rogers Drug Store.

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SEWER ASSESSMENTS CONFIRMED

One Protest Against the Sprague Avenue Sewer Assessment.

The Common Council had a quorum at the third attempt, last night, those present being President Dorrance and Aldermen Abrams, Close, Funnell, Hirst and Reed. The meeting was for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the assessments on certain sewers.

The only person with a grievance was M. Chauncey West, who owns a lot on Sprague avenue, and claims that he was assessed \$30 on account of the Draper brook sewer a few years ago, and was compelled by the city to connect with that sewer at great expense, as he had to run through his lot from front to rear to make connection. He protested at the time, claiming that a lateral sewer would soon be built on Sprague avenue, and he would be assessed for that, but was assured he would not be. He finds, however, that he is assessed \$10, making his total assessment for a fifty-foot lot \$40. Other properties on the same street paid nothing for the Draper brook sewer, and were now assessed less than \$25 on account of the Sprague avenue sewer. He thought it hardly fair that he should pay \$15 more than owners of lots of the same size receiving the same benefit.

Mr. West's protest availed nothing, for on Mr. Reed's motion the assessments on account of the Sprague avenue sewer and its branches as filed by the Assessors were confirmed by a unanimous vote.

On Mr. Reed's motion, the assessments on account of the East Main street sewer were confirmed.

On Mr. Hirst's motion, the assessments on account of the Wilkes avenue sewer were confirmed.

THE RECORDER'S TERM OF OFFICE

Does Not Expire Till Next Spring.—The Election Act Amended.

The Argus, last night, stated that Recorder-elect Barnes would enter upon his duties to-morrow. This, it seems, is a mistake, for which the Argus is not to blame.

The city election bill, as it was approved by the Common Council and Mayor (against the expressed wishes of the people), contained this section:

"Sec. 9.—All the city officers elected as hereinbefore provided, except Justices of the Peace and Recorder, shall enter upon their respective offices on the first Tuesday in March succeeding the annual election."

Mr. Barnes since his election has been at some trouble to find out just when he should enter upon his duties, and we are informed learned at Albany that before the final passage of the election bill by the Legislature an amendment was tacked on by some one—by whom nobody seems to know—which provides that the Recorder shall take office at the same time as other city officers.

Wonder if the people now know all of the tricks that were practiced in the conception, preparation and enactment of the city election law?

An Electric Road Through the Fruit District.

The new owners of the New Paltz and Highland electric road franchise are seriously considering the extension of the road to Roseton and perhaps from that point to Newburgh. The object is to reach the fruit growing districts from which it is expected large freight shipments will be secured.

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